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ACEC/MA Engineering & Public Works Roadshow: William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge

October 23, 9:30 AM @ RSM, Charlestown + on the bridge

An ACEC/MA Morning & Lunch Program - Register by 10/16

Join ACEC/MA by the William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge that connects Boston's North End to Charlestown on 10/23 to celebrate this engineering and public works project with a press briefing, technical tour, and lunch. Speakers include MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver and more.

ACEC/MA is grateful to RSM for their hospitality.

If your firm is a Platinum or Gold Sponsor listed on the left, some seats are included with your sponsorship. Talk with your ACEC/MA Firm representative about how to register for these 1-2 seats.

More Info + Registration

Greater Lowell Technical High School (GLTHS) - STEM Week Opportunities

ACEC/MA has established a partnership with the Greater Lowell Technical High School (GLTHS) to encourage more students to pursue engineering and land surveying careers. Our Working Group for this is looking for volunteers to participate in STEM week activities with students at the school (virtual and/or in person October 20-24). We are exploring a range of activities from coaching on STEM Week tasks, to presentations, to a hands-on activity or two, all during normal school hours. If you are interested and available, please reach out to [Filomena Maybury](#) or [David Langlais](#). Come help us inspire the future minds of our industry!

ACEC/MA Genesis Leadership Education Course - Fall 2025 Registration Open

November 3, 10, 17, 2- 5 pm @ Mott MacDonald, Westwood, MA

An ACEC/MA Leadership Education Course

3-session course on topics vital for professionals with about 3-5 years experience. Only 19 seats left. ACEC/MA is grateful to Mott MacDonald for their hospitality.

More Info + Registration

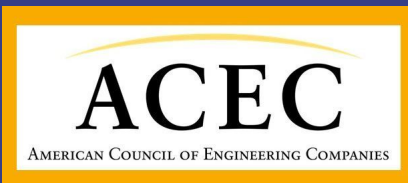
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ACEC/MA Building Engineering Committee (BEC) Meeting with DSB's Simone Early

October 21, 9 AM, Teams or attend in person @ Aldrich Center, The Engineering Center in Boston

Virtual update from Simone Early, Executive Director, MA Designer Selection Board, on some helpful guidance as to ***What the DSB is Looking For*** in applications.

BEC Co-Chairs Emily Roberts and Mike Camoscio plan to be in person for this Meeting @ Aldrich Center @ *The Engineering Center, 1 Walnut St, Boston*. Anyone local is welcome to join us in person.

Learn More & Request Teams Info.

Establishing Baseline Scope Process & Scope Change Control Process in e-BUILDER - MBTA Briefing

October 22, 3 -5 PM, Zoom

With this training, the MBTA is establishing a new process for changes in the scope using e-Builder. ACEC/MA is coordinating this Zoom briefing.

[Download advance deck](#)

Learn More & Register

ACEC/MA TALC (Transportation Agencies Liaison Committee)

October 22, 12 noon, HNTB Boston + Zoom

Guests: **Luisa Paiewonsky**, Executive Director, Megaprojects Delivery Office, MassDOT, **Shaunna Jammal**, MBTA Chief of Capital Program Support, **Yvelisse Duverge**, Director of Professional Services and Alternative Delivery

In Person Attendance is limited to 2 people per ACEC/MA Member firm for this meeting; determine which employees will attend in person before anyone from the firm registers.

ACEC/MA Members can register to attend in person at HNTB until in-person registration is full at 32 people or by 10/16, which ever comes first. If you are with a member firm but are not yet on the ACEC/MA TALC roster, [sign up here](#) to receive Zoom info and meeting materials by October 20.

Thank you to HNTB for hosting this meeting & lunch.

Sign Up to attend 10/22 TALC in person

2025 Designer Connection Event for Public Projects

October 28, 8:30 AM - 12:45 PM, Roxbury Community College - Register by 10/21: [Designer Connection Event Registration & Firm Profile](#)



DCAMM, the Designer Selection Board, and the Supplier Diversity Office invite you and/or representatives of your firm to the 2025 Designer Connection Event, which will bring together prime firms, subconsultants, SDO-certified firms, and emerging and small firms to build new partnerships for public building projects.

[Learn More](#)

MEPA Proposes Regulatory Amendment to Streamline MEPA Review on Certain Housing Projects

MEPA is proposing regulatory amendments to streamline MEPA review of qualifying housing projects to meet the Commonwealth's housing production goals. The amendments also propose streamlining for conceptual urban renewal plans and ecological restoration limited projects, as defined in Wetlands Protection Act regulations at 310 CMR 10.00. The draft regulations were filed with the Secretary of State's Office of Sept 12, and the comment period is open until Nov 10 (extended from Oct 31). All materials, including info on public hearings starting 10/14/25 are available on the [MEPA website](#).

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Seeks 1 Professional Engineer for Designer Selection Committee

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is looking for one engineer to fill a two-year term for the EOHLC Designer Selection Committee (DSC) beginning in October/November 2025, with the possibility to serve another 2-year term beyond that. All DSC members are eligible to serve two consecutive 2-year terms.

We have been asked to identify qualified candidates to serve on the DSC.

[Learn More](#)

MBTA issues Version 3 of Professional Services Invoice Template

On October 2, MBTA's Stephanie C. Renault and Doug Shea notified ACEC/MA about Version 3.

[More info.](#)

MBTA is offering 1 more training session on the template. See below.

MBTA Training on New Professional Services Invoice Template

The MBTA is requiring consultants to use this new invoice template for all new contracts. Existing contracts have a waiver until **January 1, 2026** to allow consultants time to transition data from the existing invoice template to the new format.

MBTA, in conjunction with ACEC/MA, will provide **one more 1-hour training sessions with Q&A on Zoom**. These sessions are open to any

design professional firm working for the MBTA, but advance registration is required through ACEC/MA.

Sign up for the last scheduled training session: **November 12, 11 AM:**
[Information & Sign Up](#)

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[Opening General Session Remarks from Linda Bauer Darr at the ACEC Fall Conference](#) - including insights on AI.

[U.S. DOT Announces Significant Changes to DBE Program](#)

Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
[Bookmark this ACEC page](#) - announcements, executive actions, & decisions **including tariffs** from White House that directly impact America's engineering & design services industry

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[Federal Funding Dashboard Update Shows Trump's Billions of Dollars in Cuts to Massachusetts](#)

Tracker on Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in Massachusetts compiled by Transportation for America [is here](#).

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on October 22, 10 AM in person @ Aldrich Center @ The Engineering Center + Zoom. [Request Zoom Info for 10/22](#).

Join us as we review bills impacting the engineering, land surveying, and design professional community.

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force - Autumn Opps Now Posted

Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying. **MA STEM Week is October 20-24.**

See our **STEM Task Force** page for opportunities to get involved with STEM Week and other K-12 activities to increase awareness about engineering and land surveying careers. Is your firm able to get involved?

[STEM Task Force Info Leads for Firms](#)

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